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1. The city of Kuybyshev (N53-12, E50-09) is about seven kilometers long and three to four kilometers wide, excluding the suburb of Bezmyanka, and is located on the bank of the Volga River. The banks of the Volga River within the city limits are not revetted, but have remained in their natural state. Most of the streets in Kuybyshev are wide and covered with asphalt in the center of the city. However, most of the streets in the outskirts of the city are not paved or are paved with cobblestone. The center of the city is well lighted, but the outlying streets have an insufficient number of lamps and the lighting is inadequate. Kuybyshev has a streetcar system, as well as buses and trolley buses. There are eight streetcar lines in the city, several bus lines, and two trolley bus lines. There are no taxicabs in the city. The streetcars run from 0600 to 0200 hours. [] did not know the schedules of the other transportation lines.

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2. [] installations in Kuybyshev:

1. The Bolshoy Theater is located on Kuybyshevskaya Ploshchad on the corner of Krasnoarmeyskaya Ulitsa and Galaktionovskaya Ulitsa. The building is approximately two stories high and covered with grey plaster.
2. The building housing the staff, primarily generals and colonels, of the Volga Military District is located on Chapayevskaya Ulitsa, near the corner of Chapayevskaya Ulitsa and Rabochaya Ulitsa. The building is three stories high, with grey walls and grey roof. The building was built shortly before WW II. The building has about three entrances and each entrance has a male or female porter, who knows all residents of the building by sight and will not admit any strangers.
3. The radio station, with five 50-meter-high metal masts supporting the antennas of the station, is located near the carburetor plant in the northern part of the city.
4. The city municipal Park of Rest and Culture i/n A. Gorkiy, formerly Strukovskiy Garden, is located on the bank of the Volga River between Krasnoarmeyskaya Ulitsa and Kuybyshevskaya Ulitsa. The park covers an area of 1 x 1.5 kilometers.

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5. The Suburban Park of Rest and Culture i/n Gorkiy is located on the bank of the Volga River, outside the city limits, to the north beyond the so-called Ovrage Podpolshchikov (Ravine of the Underground Workers). In Tsarist times this ravine was called Postnikov Ovrage.

6. The Volga Restaurant is located on the corner of Rabochaya Ulitsa and Chapayevskaya Ulitsa, not far from the building housing the staff of the Volga Military District.

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7. The Grand Hotel Restaurant is located on Kuybyshevskaya Ulitsa; however, [] did not know the exact address.

8. The Construction Institute, an institute of higher education, is located on the corner of Vilonovskaya Ulitsa and Chapayevskaya Ulitsa. The institute occupies a relatively new building of five or six stories, covered with grey plaster.

9. The Industrial Tekhnikum, housed in the building of the former secondary school No. 83, is located near the so-called Tsyganskiy bazaar. The building is four stories high and grey in color.

10. The Industrial Institute, an institute of higher learning; exact location is not known [] 25X1X

11. Polyclinic No. 5 of the ZIM Plant is located on Novo-Sadovaya Ulitsa, next to the plant. The building housing the polyclinic is three stories high with grey walls.

12. The Khudozhestvennyy Theater (motion picture) is located on Kuybyshevskaya Ulitsa, not far from Leningradskaya Ulitsa.

13. The Triumph and Molot theaters are located on Kuybyshevskaya Ulitsa.

14. The Smena Theater is located on Ulitsa Iva Tolstogo.

15. The Administration of the Ministry of State Security for Kuybyshev Oblast as well as the Administration of the Ministry for Internal Affairs for Kuybyshev Oblast, are both housed in a grey, five-story building located about one kilometer from the Volga River. The exterior of the building has recently been renovated. The building is guarded by sentries and no one is admitted without a pass.

16. The Stalinskiy Rayon Military Commissariat of the city of Kuybyshev is located on Ulitsa Ovrage Podpolshchikov. It is a two-story building covered with white plaster and a grey roof.

17. The building housing the Kuybyshev City Military Commissariat is located on Kuybyshevskaya Ulitsa, No. 114. This is a three- or four-story building and the walls are painted light blue. [] persons may be admitted to the military commissariats without passes.

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18. The military barracks in Kuybyshev are located on Prospekt Maslennikova, next to the ZIM Plant. The barracks are located in two, grey, four-story buildings. A wooden fence separates the barracks from Prospekt Maslennikova; there is a single line of barbed-wire fence in the rear. Persons are not admitted to the barracks grounds without passes. The barracks are occupied by an infantry division, but [] not remember its number.

25X1 19. A German PW camp was located in Kuybyshev near Artsebushevskaya Ulitsa but [] is unable to give the exact location. Another German PW camp was located on Novo-Sadovaya Ulitsa, in the vicinity of the former Khabalovskiy Garden, near the terminal of streetcar lines No. 2 and No. 7.

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20. A corrective labor camp for juvenile delinquents (Detskaya Koloniya) is located on Semeykinskiy Highway, on the east side of the city, next to the 4th State Ball Bearing Plant. The grounds of the plant are surrounded by a wooden fence, topped by barbed-wire. Persons are admitted to the camp only with a pass.
21. A concentration camp for adults is located about 25 kilometers north of Kuybyshev at Krasnaya Glinka, in the region of the Zhigulevskiye Mountains. The whole area of the concentration camp is fenced in by two rows of barbed-wire. The camp is guarded by sentries stationed in watchtowers along the fence. did not know how many or what categories of prisoners were detained at the camp.
22. An All-Union Meat Combine is located four kilometers east of the suburbs of Kuybyshev, near the Bezymyanka Station. The Meat Combine occupies one large building, in which there are separating shops and refrigerator units. The meat is delivered to the Meat Combine from Tashkent and Kirgizia in refrigerator cars; there it is disjointed and then frozen.
23. The interurban telephone and telegraph office is located in the center of Kuybyshev, near the municipal park on Krasnoarmeyskaya Ulitsa.
24. A hydroelectric power station is located north of Kuybyshev at the Zolnoye Station. did not know the capacity of the plant.
25. A carburetor plant is located on the north side of Kuybyshev, near the terminal of streetcar line No. 7. The plant operates in three shifts; passes are required to enter the plant.
26. ZIM (Zavod imeni Maslennikov) Plant No. 42 is located on Novo-Sadovaya Ulitsa, on the northwest side of Kuybyshev. On the Volga River side of the plant, the plant is fenced in by three rows of barbed wire and guarded by MVD troops. The plant operates 24 hours a day in three shifts. Passes are needed to enter the plant area. Engineer Colonel Rodionov is director of the plant. The plant produces munitions and watches.
27. The 4th State Ball Bearing Plant is located on the northeast side of Kuybyshev, on Semeykinskiy Highway, near the so-called Tsyganskiy bazaar. The plant operates 24 hours a day.
28. A machine-tool building plant is located on Krasnoarmeyskaya Ulitsa, near the road descending to the Volga River.
29. Kuybyshev has only one railroad station, which is on the southeastern outskirts of the city, on Vokzalnaya Ploshchad.
30. A river landing is located on Ulitsa Gorkogo. Passenger steamers leave this landing for Gorkiy and the Caspian Sea.
31. The Kuybyshev Botanical Gardens are located between Ovrag Podpolshchikov and the Semeykinskiy Highway.
32. The First Preparatory Naval Aviation School was located on Krasnoarmeyskaya Ulitsa, No. 12, until it was disbanded and went out of existence in late July 1947. The school prepared candidates for entrance into a regular naval aviation school, located in the cities of Yeisk and Taganrog. The school gave three courses which corresponded to the eighth through the ten classes of a secondary school. Colonel of Naval Aviation Golovach was head of the school from 1945 through 1946. In 1946 Col. Golovach was replaced by Colonel of Naval Aviation Tuzhilkin.
3. The majority of the workers in Kuybyshev live in buildings belonging to the various industrial installations. A small group of workers may live in their own wooden houses. Families usually occupy one or two rooms. Single workers, as a rule, live

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in dormitories, where five to seven persons occupy one room. The workers own very little in the way of furniture; beds are made of iron and painted, chairs simply and cheaply built, and the most essential items of furniture are lacking.

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4. [] a worker spends about 70 percent of his earnings on food. There have been no ration cards since 1948, but there is a shortage of flour, groats, macaroni, and sugar. There are no "commercial" stores in Kuybyshev.
 5. The Bolshoy Theater of Opera and Ballet gives daily performances. In 1948, tickets cost from 4 to 14 rubles. The program is seldom changed and the auditorium is never more than half filled. Movie theaters have daily shows and a few movie theaters have daytime shows as well as evening programs. In 1948, the admission prices to movie theaters was from two to six rubles.
 6. A summer circus is located in a special tent in the Park of Rest and Culture i/n Gorkiy. Circus performances are given only during the summer, beginning at the end of May and lasting until September. There are two performances on Sundays, one in the daytime and one at night. [] did not remember the admission prices. 25X1X
 7. People living in Kuybyshev do not have many radio receiving sets. [] did not know whether any individuals listened to foreign broadcasts, as most of the people he knew had no radio receivers but merely loudspeakers connected by wire with the local broadcasting station. The radio usually broadcasts items from Moscow newspapers as well as from local newspapers. [] is of the opinion that the population mistrusts Soviet news transmitted by radio or published in the newspapers. For example, [] the following remark made by a worker in connection with a radio broadcast on "the plans of the American imperialists for world domination and seizure of the USSR": "What would America do with poor beggars like us? I do not understand it." However, as a rule, the people are afraid to express any criticism of the Soviet radio or newspapers. The Oblast Committee of the Communist Party publishes a daily newspaper called Volzhskaya Kommuna. 25X1X

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